



# City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

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## Dear Friends:

This February marked the 92nd anniversary of the creation of Black History Month.

From the struggles of Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglas and the Buffalo Soldiers to the victories in civil rights that were led years later by individuals such as Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks, Black History Month has served as a time to remember those who fought hard to improve the condition of our great Nation, but to also preserve the rights and dignity for all of those who live in America.

Black History Month was created in 1926 in the United States.

It was chosen because it marked the birthday of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Carter G. Woodson helped create the holiday with the hope that it eventually be eliminated when black history became fundamental to American history.



Negro History Week was met with enthusiastic response; it prompted the creation of black history clubs, an increase in interest among teachers, and interest from progressive whites. Negro History Week grew in popularity throughout the following decades, with mayors across the United States endorsing it as a holiday.

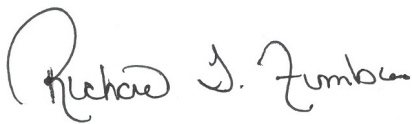
In 1976, the federal government acknowledged the expansion of Black History Week to Black History Month by the leaders of the Black United Students at Kent State University in February of 1969.

The first celebration of Black History Month occurred at Kent State in February of 1970.

Six years later during the bicentennial, the expansion of Negro History Week to Black History Month was recognized by the U.S. government. Gerald Ford spoke in regards to this, urging Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

Black History Month in Tucson was marked with events, celebrations, discussions and symposiums across our great City by many organizations, faith based groups, neighborhoods, schools ranging from elementary to Pima Community College to the University of Arizona and efforts such as the Buffalo Soldiers Memorial bond campaign. In addition, there had been the Rosa Park Awards ceremonies that had been created by Richard Fimbres, then LULAC State Director and Clarence Boykins with the Tucson Chapter of the NAACP. As we move forward throughout the year, let us not forget the struggles that African Americans have endured and contributions that African Americans have made to our great country. The leadership and achievements of the African American community has helped tremendously to make America a better place.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Richard G. Fimbres". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" being the most prominent.

Richard G. Fimbres  
Your Ward 5 Councilmember

### **Being a Good Neighbor**

With the new school semester, the school zone 15 miles per hour signs are out in the morning and afternoon, and crossing guards are helping students cross our streets to schools. The University of Arizona and Pima College are active with students going to classes, living in their dorms, apartments or student housing developments. My office has gathered information, to help inform everyone how to be a good neighbor. Some of the rules about parking; dates of times for trash pick up; dates for upcoming Brush and Bulky pickup; noise levels and what to do about loud parties and, parking is a permitted use on any portion of a property provided the vehicles do not block City right-of-way (sidewalks, alleys).

Also, when you park your car, please don't block access to your neighbor's mail box. If you are intending to have an event, be courteous and let your neighbors know about the event and when parking will be available on the street. Please ensure all vehicles have current registration and are operable.

About your trash: To reduce flies and odor, please bag and securely tie all your trash and do not over fill containers. Never place hot ash or coals, or other burning materials in containers. Yard waste may be disposed of, as long as it fits within the container with the lid closed. Don't leave your containers out past your pick up date. Please return them to your yard. For any damaged trash containers, contact Environmental Services at 791-3171.



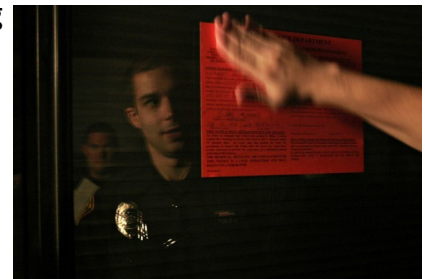
The dates for the trash pick up are as follows. For the Miles, Barrio San Antonio, and the Arroyo Chico Neighborhoods, the trash pick up is every Friday between 6 AM and 4 PM. In other neighborhoods, to find your trash pick up day, call (520) 791-3171 or go online to: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/es/recycle-coachmy-waste>. Please have your trash and recycle containers out to the street and on those days, please try not to block mail boxes and drive

ways.

Environmental Services offers Brush and Bulky twice a year. Environmental Services will pick up 10 cubic yards of materials with the following guidelines: They will take brush, cacti (must be contained), lumber up to five feet, scrap metal, piping up to five feet, appliances, refrigerator and freezers with doors removed, automobile tires (limit five), and home furnishings. Environmental Services will not collect: Dirt, stone, concrete, gravel, glass, household hazardous waste (i.e. paint, oil, pesticides and liquids). Brush and Bulky pickup dates can be found here: [https://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/es/2018\\_BrushBulkyAreas1x17\\_20171026\\_Final.pdf](https://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/es/2018_BrushBulkyAreas1x17_20171026_Final.pdf).

If you have a Brush and Bulky pickup that is outside these dates, you can request a roll-off for a fee, to be delivered to your neighborhood by calling 791-3171.

With the start of the school year come loud parties, throwing glass bottles into the streets or soda or beer cans into neighbor's yards. Although I understand student excitement about the school year, there are codes that are in place and must be followed.



A loud party or unruly gathering can result in a red tag, which has several consequences. If red tagged, a visible "red tag" will be placed in street view, notifying the neighborhood of the issuance.

The red tag comes with a fine and if a college student is involved, a report to the Dean of Students. The "red tag" states that if another unruly gathering occurs within 180 days that fines will be given in amounts of \$500-\$1500. As a part of our new Police Chief's community policing approach more officers have been put into patrol functions. This means more visible TPD presence. TPD is also partnering with UAPD so that responses to loud parties are consistent between both departments.

The collaboration will mean greater information sharing and consistency in handling these types of calls. It is important to call in loud parties, don't assume others are doing so. If it isn't reported we can't adequately address the situation. The following numbers are meant to be tools for you, our University neighbors if there should be an issue with loud parties:

TPD Red Tag: 520-837-7318, UAPD Non-Emergency: 520-621-8273, UA Neighborhood Hotline: 520-282-3649, UA Dean of Students: 520-621-7057, Pima College Police – West Campus: 520-206-6643, Pima College Police - Downtown Campus: 520-206-7087, Pima College Police - East Campus: 520-206-7652, Pima College Police - Desert Vista Campus: 520-206-5052 and Pima College Police - Northwest Campus: 520-206-2286.

### Southside Crime Stats

Tucson Police Department's Operations Division South gave an update on crime in Ward 5 and the Southside. I want to thank Captain John Strader and the officers at TPD South for their work on making our community a better place to live, work and raise a family.

Violent Crime Incidents								
UCR Description	2016			2017			Actual change by quarter	% Change by quarter
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Oct	Nov	Dec		
Homicide	1	0	3	1	1	2	0	0.0%
Sexual Assault	10	11	12	10	10	6	-7	-21.2%
Robbery	31	23	28	29	40	34	21	25.6%
Agg Assault	30	25	30	24	20	30	-11	-12.9%

### 2018 Ward 5 Safety Calendar Winners Recognized

At the February 6, Mayor and Council meeting, I had the privilege of presenting the winners of the Ward 5 Safety Calendar. Students from various schools took part in creating the artwork for the 12 month calendar.

#### 2018 Safety Calendar Winners:

January - Samantha Soto, McCorkle Academy – 7th Grade  
 February - Sabina Mendias, McCorkle Academy – 7th Grade  
 March - Lucia Pineda, McCorkle Academy – 7th Grade  
 April - Angela Celaya, Apollo Middle School – 7th Grade  
 May - Neema Karumba, Vail Academy – 5th Grade  
 June - Emily Gunnells, Santa Cruz Catholic School – 7th Grade  
 July - Alia Riesgo, McCorkle Academy – 7th Grade  
 August - Sarai Juarez, Apollo Middle School – 7th Grade  
 September - Mariana Bautista, Apollo Middle School – 7th Grade  
 October - Joey Montaña, McCorkle Academy – 8th Grade  
 November - Danielle Trujillo, Apollo Middle School – 7th Grade  
 December - Jorge Fera, McCorkle Academy – 7th Grade

### CITY OF TUCSON WARD 5 Safety Calendar 2018





Front Cover - Jasmine Patton,  
Apollo Middle School – 8th Grade  
Back Cover - Aria Cavazos -  
McCorkle Academy – 7th Grade,  
and Anthony Fernandez, McCorkle  
Academy – 6th Grade

My office has been working with neighborhood schools on the Safety Calendars for the last several years. I can say without a doubt that this has been one of the most successful years in terms of the quality of artwork submitted, teacher/student participation and family support. I want to specifically thank my Staff member Lupita Robles who coordinated the project and did an excellent job making sure the students, teachers and parents all had a positive experience.

There are a few calendars left and anyone wanting one is encouraged to contact our office at 791-4231. Please remember that supplies are limited and we will run out soon. So if you'd like one don't delay.



### Love of Reading Week

February is Love of Reading Month at schools across our City. My staff and I took part in Love of Reading, reading books to school children. I want to thank Lynn Urquides Elementary, McCorkle, La Paloma Academy and Pueblo Gardens Elementary for giving me the opportunity to read to their classes and stress the importance of reading and learning. I am working with schools in my Love of Reading Challenge, where a student reads one book a month during a semester and is verified by their teacher, my office will get them a Ward 5 Certificate of Appreciation for their reading efforts. Education is the key to success.



## Rodeo Parade

Tucson came out February 22 to enjoy the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fiesta De Los Vaqueros Rodeo Parade, which is in Ward 5. The Grand Marshalls for this year's parade were The Conquistadors, a charitable organization. It was my pleasure taking part again in the parade, as I have done as your Ward 5 Councilmember.



I want to thank University of Arizona President Robert Robbins, Tucson Vice Mayor Paul Cunningham, Tucson City Manager Michael Ortega, Tucson Police Chief Chris Magnus, Tucson Police Department South Commander Capt. John Strader, El Salvador Consul General German Alvarez, and Theiri Agardi, Honorary Consul for joining me in my wagon for the parade. I want to congratulate the Tucson Rodeo Parade Committee on their success and thank Tucson for coming out to enjoy the parade!

## GEICO Open House

I want to thank the neighbors who came out for the meeting about the GEICO Public Open House, held on Thursday, February 8, at the Quincie Douglas Center and gave their feedback, expressing their concerns, questions and comments. This open house was the first meeting between GEICO, their developers and the surrounding neighborhood. Don Bourn explained that they are in the initial planning stage and no PAD amendment has been presented to the City of Tucson as of yet, but they plan on having their proposal ready within the next couple of weeks. Don Bourn explained the sale is contingent upon the City of Tucson approving the re-zoning. Residents were told that there will be future public meetings to gather everyone's ideas and concerns.

## Water Harvesting at Ward 5

The water harvesting effort started with the cistern in front of the Ward 5 Council Office. Thanks to SERI and Jeff Rhody with Dryland Design, the Ward 5 Council Office has become a place that shows the benefits of water harvesting by moving dirt around in a yard. If you are in the area of 4300 South Park, stop by and take a look.





## Tucson Homeless Work Program Marks First Year

The Tucson Homeless Work Program has marked its first year.

In the first year, 326 people from shelters cleared 86,240 pounds of trash and debris from Tucson neighborhoods and helped the staff at the Pima Animal Care Center.



Of those who took part, 40% entered permanent housing, 10% entered behavioral health services, 28% entered employment services and 14% gained long term employment. Each worker walked away from their shift with improved self-worth and \$50 in their pocket.

Community Partners Integrated Healthcare also donated a 15 passenger van and the Metropolitan Pima Alliance gave a donation of \$1,100 following its Common Grounds Award ceremony for which the Homeless Work Program was recognized for its outstanding work.

## 50th Anniversary of the Memphis Sanitation Worker's Strike Marked

The City of Tucson Environmental Service Workers, along with AFSCME 449 marked the 50th Anniversary of the deaths of two Memphis Sanitation Workers and the strike which followed suit.

My office worked with the Mayor's Office to get a City Proclamation issued to mark the 50th anniversary of this. I had the privilege of reading the Proclamation during a ceremony at City of Tucson Environmental Services on Thursday, February 1st. I want to thank Arlene Muniz and Mary Kelso with AFSCME 449 for the privilege of reading this proclamation. My remarks about the 50th Anniversary of this tragedy included the following:



On February 1, 1968, two African-American sanitation workers, Echol Cole and Robert Walker sought cover from a storm in Memphis, by going into the back of their garbage truck. The compactor kicked on in the truck and they were crushed to death.

Their deaths marked the beginning of action by African-American sanitation workers in Memphis against the city government, which had long discriminated against them.

A strike followed suit, with the sanitation workers, all African American, going out on strike for better wages and treatment.

Strikers faced daily police brutality. On February 24, the Rev. James Lawson, addressing the gathered strikers and supporters, said: "For at the heart of racism is the idea that a man is not a man, that a person is not a person. You are human beings, you are men!" Rev. Lawson's comments were the embodiment of the message behind the iconic placards from the strike: "I am a Man!" The deaths of the two workers diverted Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to come to Memphis in support of the strike on March 29, 1968. On April 3, Dr. King addressed a rally and delivered his last speech, "I've Been to the Mountain."

Dr. King was assassinated the next day, April 4. His death sparked nationwide protests and rioting. The strike in Memphis and protests intensified.

On April 16, 1968, the strike was ended with a settlement that included union recognition and wage increases. The strike, 50 years ago, was a turning point for activism by the African-American community and union activity in Memphis.





## Funding Pima College

HB 2529, to provide funding to Pima Community College and Maricopa Community Colleges was introduced in the Arizona Legislature.



**PimaCommunityCollege**

During the February 6 Mayor and Council meeting, I made the motion to have the Mayor and Council go on record to support HB 2529 and was approved by a unanimous vote. Pima Community College provides important education and job training programs and with further funding can provide more job training and educational programs to help develop our work force.

## Broadway Volvo Site Update

I want to thank the Barrio San Antonio and Miles Neighborhood Associations for their participation in the Broadway Volvo site process and providing their feedback.



They had participated in the charrette process, giving their ideas back in September 2014, as a part of my motion on the discussion of the site then. This property will soon go out for an RFP, with guidelines from the neighborhoods as part of the bid.

## U.S. Census

Councilmember Romero and I had an agenda item to have the Mayor and Council discuss the U.S. Census in 2020. In the last Census, Tucson was undercounted by 32,000, which resulted in a loss in federal funding for the City. It also has been reported that the Justice Department has asked for a citizenship question to be added, which would be the first time in the history of the Census, which goes back to 1790.



Census Department officials present for the discussion expressed their opposition to the question and how the Census would take place in Tucson and Pima County. It is important that we fill out the Census forms, without fear of potential actions. The Mayor and Council discussion also included working with the Pima Association of Governments effort to form a Census Committee to get everyone to fill out their Census forms. The first meeting is being scheduled. This was a good discussion that the Mayor and Council will be following up in future meetings.

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**Frequently Used Phone Numbers**

**Emergency Services**

Tucson Police Department or Tucson Fire Department  
DIAL 911

**Permits**

Planning and Development Services Department  
791-5550

**Housing Assistance**

City of Tucson Community Services Department  
791-4739

**Tucson Convention Center**

791-4101

**City of Tucson Code Enforcement**

791-5843

**TPD Red Tag Unit**

837-7318

**Graffiti Removal**

792-CITY (2489)

**Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services**

City of Tucson Environmental Services Department  
791-3171

**Transportation & Street Maintenance**

Tucson Department of Transportation  
791-3154

**Tucson Water Department**

Billing - 791-3242, Public Information - 791-4331

**Park Tucson**

791-5071

**Pima Animal Care**

724-5900

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